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Reminder of Board Policy on Reporting of Impaired Physicians by Other Physicians and Hospitals

The Board would like to remind all physicians and hospital administrations of its policy on reporting of impaired physicians. A complete version of the policy is available on the Board's website, www.kbml.ky.gov, under the policy statement and guideline section.

In summary, the policy states that if a licensed physician or hospital staff suspects that a physician is impaired – due to chronic alcoholism, chemical dependency or physical/mental disability (ies) – such fact must be reported directly to the Kentucky Board of Medical Licensure within ten (10) days of obtaining direct knowledge of the impairment. The report to the Board must be in writing and contain the name of the physician suspected of being impaired, and an account of the facts giving rise to that suspicion.

Upon receipt of this information, if it appears that the physician may be impaired, but has not violated other specific sections of the Medical Practice Act, the Board shall contact the physician suspected of being impaired, by certified mail – return receipt requested. The Board will advise the physician that they have been granted a thirty-day grace period in which to contact the Kentucky Physicians Health Foundation and submit to an appropriate evaluation. Once the notice is issued, the Board will communicate with the Foundation to determine whether the physician has complied with the Board's directive.

If you have any questions or require additional assistance regarding this matter, please feel free to contact the Board's staff.

Application Process Change

Last year the Board began requiring all applicants applying for initial medical or osteopathic license to utilize the Federation State Medical Board's Credentials Verification Service (FCVS). Renewal applications are not affected by the change.

The FCVS provides a centralized, uniform process for state medical boards to obtain a verified, primary source record of a physician's core medical credentials. Once verified, the physician can use the FCVS to obtain licensure across the nation at any time during the physician's career. Currently, 13 state medical boards require licensure applicants to register with the FCVS for credentials verification and 62 boards accept their credentialing. The FCVS provides a lifetime repository for verified information relating to medical training and once completed, greatly enhances the portability of a medical license.

Board Actions Report

Ashraf Azeb, M.D., Pikeville, KY, License #34208

Agreed Order of Probation entered into 11/13/06.

Robert S. Baker, M.D., Lexington, KY, License #18933

Second Amended Agreed Order of Surrender entered into 10/26/06.

Riaz Baqir, M.D., Out of State, License #40627

Agreed Order of Fine entered into 12/20/06.

Rano S. Bofill, M.D., Out of State, License #16535

Amended Agreed Order of Indefinite Restriction entered into 12/8/06.

Galen E. Castle, M.D., Morehead, KY, License #22255

Order Terminating Restriction issued 11/1/06.

Kenneth R. Crabtree, M.D., Tompkinsville, KY, License #13828

Agreed Order entered into 11/16/06.

Abdul Kader Dahhan, M.D., Harlan, KY, License #17192

Order Terminating Agreed Order of Probation issued 12/13/06.

Kent L. Davis, M.D., Paris, KY, License #20186

Amended Agreed Order of Indefinite Restriction entered into 12/13/06.

Gregory G. Duma, M.D., Covington, KY, License #28974

Amended Agreed Order of Indefinite Restriction entered into 12/13/06.

Alson L. Greiner, M.D., Out of State, License #18565

Order Reinstating Suspended License issued 10/10/06.

Ghassan Haj-Hamed, M.D., Cold Spring, KY, License #33002

Agreed Order of Surrender entered into 12/13/06.

Robert Z. Joseph, M.D., Danville, KY, License #26611

Agreed Order of Indefinite Restriction entered into 11/16/06.

Richard Karrel, M.D., Crestwood, KY, License #38508

Third Amended Agreed Order of Indefinite Restriction entered into 10/24/06.

Donald A. Koehler, P.A.-C., Alexandria, KY, Certificate #PA192

Amended Agreed Order of Indefinite Restriction entered into 10/24/06.

John H. Kuzman, M.D., Villa Hills, KY, License #19148

Agreed Order of Indefinite Restriction entered into 11/6/06.

Craig H. Leicht, M.D., Manchester, KY, License #31802

Agreed Order entered into 11/16/06.

Louis A. Leskosky, M.D., Paducah, KY, License #34939

Agreed Order of Indefinite Restriction entered into 11/16/06.

Omar Lopez-Samayoa, M.D., Columbia, KY, License #23139

Amended Agreed Order of Indefinite Restriction entered into 11/14/06.

Juan C. Mejia, M.D., Bellevue, KY, License #35414

Second Amended Agreed Order of Probation entered into 12/4/06.

Bernard C. Moses, M.D., Williamsburg, KY, License #19129

Agreed Order entered into 10/3/06.

Susan E. Neil, M.D., Lexington, KY, License #26109

Order Terminating Agreed Order of Probation issued 12/13/06.

Sharad C. Patel, M.D., Elizabethtown, KY, License #20851

Agreed Order of Indefinite Restriction entered into 11/7/06.

Clifford A. Poppens, M.D., Cadiz, KY, License #19839

Agreed Order entered into 11/16/06.

Brian K. Priddle, M.D., Somerset, KY, License #22200

Interim Agreed Order entered into 11/14/06.

Nicholas A. Raschella, M.D., Pikeville, KY, License #28950

Order Terminating Amended Interim Agreed Order issued 12/14/06.

Mark R. Rosenberg, M.D., Out of State, License #28704

Order of Probation issued 12/19/06 – effective 1/20/07.

Mark R. Secor, M.D., Berea, KY, License #23629

Interim Agreed Order entered into 11/16/06.

Michael E. Simons, M.D., Corbin, KY, License #25912

Order Terminating Restriction issued 10/31/06.

Ronald R. Sommerfeldt, M.D., Russellville, KY, License #19407

Second Amended Agreed Order of Indefinite Restriction entered into 12/13/06.

Michael R. Swenson, M.D. Louisville, KY, License #32736

Order of Suspension issued 12/13/06 – effective 1/13/07.

Paul J. Winkler, M.D., Owensboro, KY, License #15563

Agreed Order of Surrender entered into 12/20/06.

Restrictions have also been placed on the following physicians' licenses pending resolution of charges brought against these physicians:

Lowell G. Arnett, M.D., Lexington, KY, License #35139

Complaint and Emergency Order of Suspension issued 11/28/06 – effective 12/1/06.

Michael S. Gainey, M.D., Cynthiana, KY, License #22283

Complaint and Emergency Order of Suspension issued 10/26/06 – effective 10/27/06

Alan D. Shultz, M.D., Mount Sterling, KY, License #30784

Complaint and Emergency Order of Suspension issued 11/17/06 – effective 11/20/06.

Renewal of Medical License for 2007

The 2007 annual renewal forms were mailed in December to all physicians holding an active Kentucky medical/osteopathic license. The \$150.00 renewal fee is due by March 1, 2007, and to avoid paying a \$50.00 late fee, forms must be postmarked no later than the March 1 deadline. Physicians who fail to register before the April 1, 2007, deadline, licenses will automatically become inactive and subsequent practice in Kentucky will be considered the unauthorized practice of medicine or osteopathy. Anyone registering after the April 1 deadline will be imposed an additional \$100 penalty fee.

Physicians renewing licenses for 2007 have an opportunity to renew their licenses on-line at www.kbml.ky.gov. Physicians renewing with a paper application will be charged an additional \$10.00 processing fee. Printable 2007 renewal forms are available on the KBML website at www.kbml.ky.gov.

It should be noted that incomplete renewal forms or forms received without proper payment are returned prior to registering the license. This not only causes additional expense but also delays timely processing of the renewal application.

2007 Meeting Dates

KBML

March 15
June 14
September 27
December 13

Inquiry Panel A

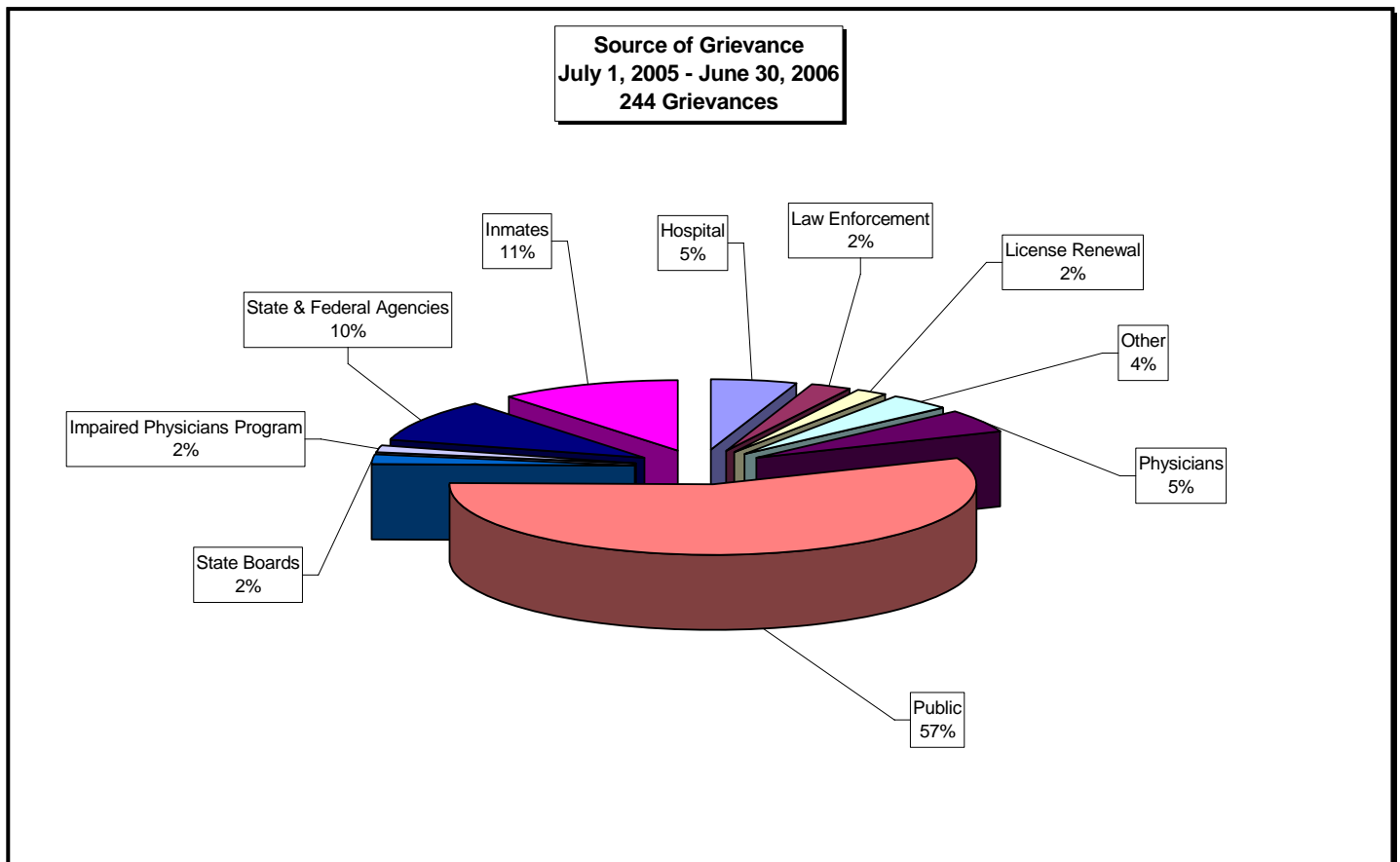
February 15
May 17
August 16
November 15

Inquiry Panel B

January 18
April 19
July 19
October 18

Source of Grievances

The chart below depicts the source of grievances received in the Board's office. During the past fiscal year 244 grievances were filed against physicians practicing in the state.



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Change of Address Notice

Please Note: The information that you provide on this Change of Address Notice will be used to update your profile on the Board's web site at kbml.ky.gov.

(Please Print or Type Information)

Date: _____

KY License Number: _____

Name: _____
(last) (first) (m.i.)

Mailing Address: _____
(street)

(city) (state) (zip)

KY Practice County: _____ **Office Telephone:** _____

Practice Address: _____
(street)

(city) (state) (zip)

E-Mail Address: _____

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